

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2009 rejecting claims 3, 11-12 and 16-26. Applicants amended the status identifiers for claims 5 and 7 to indicate that these claims were withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants also cancelled claims 20-21, therefore claims 3, 11-12, 16-19 and 22-26 are pending.

Claim Rejections

Claim 21

The Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph. Applicants cancelled claim 21, thus the rejection is now moot.

Claims 3, 11-12, 16-19 and 22-26

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 11-12, 16-19 and 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, stating that feed-throughs expose, but do not electrically connect, components to conductive layers. Applicants amended independent claims 3 and 16 and dependent claims 17 and 22 to reflect that electrical connections are made between contact areas or contact protrusions and conductive patterns through feed-throughs. Support for the amendments can be found in the originally filed claims 1 and 10 and in the specification at column 13, line 14 through column 14, line 26. Applicants submit that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

Final Remarks

Please charge a one month extension of time fee and any other fees which may be due, except the issuance fee, to Baker & Daniels' Deposit Account No. 02-0390.

Respectfully submitted,

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